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He led her cautiously, and by a winding path through the thickets of the ravine, whence they could look up to the sky, and the blue sky shone down upon them from the white waters were tumbling through the green fringes of stunted trees and bushes that clung to the sides of the cliffs. Here, where the water fell, as she was rejoicing in the wonderful beauty of the scenes around her, he began his declaration.

"You are not serious, surely," she cried, in her fear and surprise, as he intimated that he desired to marry her.

"I am serious, my dear," he said, "I wish to give her his fortune and his hand. You do not know my story, or you could not dream of such a proposal!"

"What is the subject of the question?" she returned. "Do not love you? I do not know that I could love. This thought of love is one that I have never known since those happy days before the clouds came. You did not know that I ever loved?"

Still he pressed his suit. In the honesty of his heart he felt he had now committed himself, and even if he had been staggered in his purpose by the serious objections she had so rationally raised, and urged with such earnestness, he would not have turned backward. And never did he appear to him more loved and valued, than when she so delicately appreciated his motives, and emptied as she must be by his proposals, she resisted his appeals, and left him an open door to retreat. He renewed his entreaties.

'But there is my sister Mary, who was with me in our childhood, the companion of all my joys and sorrows, my dear, dear sister—'

'And you shall not leave her!—she will go with us to our own home, and be my sister as well as yours. Instead of losing a sister, she will find a brother.'

Providence, I looked upon the change that was about to take place in the situation of these poor sisters, and said to myself seriously, as I have said before, by what ways which they had been led to, there, indeed, lay the cause of their ruin. And the Lord? Who would have believed that such a power of deliverance from poverty and suffering would be opened? Who would have thought that the Lord would open the door of mercy and deliverance in the streets, and raving, and delirium, would now be sought after by the poor of character and wealth, laying his forehead on the feet, and offering to share his house with her sister? Who would have thought that the recipients of blessings which Heaven usually bestoweth? Here were promises of God most strikingly fulfilled: 'Leave thy fatherless and thy mother alive.' 'When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.'

Among the guests at the marriage of Sarah, as a younger brother of her husband, his partner in business, and with the same bright prospects. He stood up by the side of his brother, and Sarah was supported by her sister. In less than a month from that time the order was changed, and the younger Whitfield and Mary stood side by side, and pledged their vows in the presence of God, and surrounded by a glad and cheering circle of friends, who could not conceal their grateful recognition of a merciful providence in the marriage of these two sisters under circumstances of such extraordinary interest.

ful!" How strangely God has led us, and how we are as happy as we have ever been, and as miserable in the years that are past! Do you believe that my dear mother knows what we have passed through, and what we are enjoying now?"

I told her I had often indulged the idea that the spirits of the departed were conversant with our spirits—that they were indeed ministering spirits to those whom they loved while in the flesh, and it was not impossible that her mother had allowed her in all her eventful any mysterious history. Even now she may be near, and rejoicing that peace and joy had at last visited the hearts of her daughter, and of out of great consolation they were already brought to happiness they had never dreamed of.

Sarah was not careless of her sister's state, still alas, by that strange fatality which had been collected upon them both, making them one in suffering as well as in joy, in the few days which were theirs in life, she too, had her signs of returning madness! What was the secret principle thus linking their destinies? In childhood they had been as one in love and innocence. In youth they had been crushed, together, and by the same blow. In womanhood they had both found loving hearts, fraternal hearts, and both from the same home, and all the sympathies of a noble conjugal life, and now when the great struggle of life was past, and they were in the midst of joys that even in the years of childhood they had never thought of, the darkness is coming on again, and other hearts besides their own are to be shrouded in the ap-

Sarah's maturity and a widely different development of traits than her sister, who had in former days been more willful and fiery in the seasons of their derangement. Now she was wilder than ever. She became uncontrolled by the friends who surrounded her — she was not so much in the power of her passions, as the insane at that time were confined, — not only among paupers or criminals, or in hospitals under circumstances the most unfavorable to their recovery. Her faithful husband, as tender and devoted as ever, when he first perceived her condition, sought to restrain her by gentle means, striving to conceal from others, when he fell no longer hide from his own mind, the terrible state that she was in. But her madness increased, and she became a melancholic type of the mad. She would enter the room, and sit on his knees conducting the business of the household, and leap on his back, as if he were a child, and utter childish spirits, and sing the most laughable songs, and make the most ridiculous remarks, and then, laughing. They put a straw-waistcoat upon her, but she would continue to get it off, and throw it through the window, and threaten to leap out

The Hospital in Broadway, at the head of Wall street, was then new, and after long hesitation, and setting under the advice of the best medical men, it was at last prevailed upon to consent to her removal. She obtained the most desirable apartment on the south-east corner, in one of the upper stories; and having furnished it with every appliance for her comfort, she was removed to it. The medical men in that institution, when it was no longer possible for him to keep her in any sort at home. But he could not rest in his apartment, and he was obliged to visit her so tenderly loved wife, in one of his bosom chambers, where he was obliged to sit for hours, and he was crazed. Night after night he walked the street in front of the building in which she was confined, looking up at the window in her room, and, every evening, he could be seen struggling to force her way through, and expecting to see her plunging headlong from that

and when she depressed her strength gave her a little rest, and when she was again so violent in paroxysms of madness, he had the melancholy satisfaction of again taking her to her own house. Directly over his bed chamber was a small apartment prepared for her, and thither she was conveyed, and watched by suitable attendants. When the silence of her chamber knew that she was asleep, he would often call up from his own room, and sitting down in the room which she occupied, would look down on the wreck of his lovely bride, and would utter the change, and praying that even now, in his hopeless and helpless state, the power of God would be revealed for relief and restoration — that he might be able to see her again, and to give him to his memory, when something whispered into his ruminations in linking to himself to one whose mind was shattered, whatever might be the result of his efforts, and he thanked God that it had been his privilege to have known her, and that he would be able to make a home, and fill her heart with peace and joy.

And she spoke somewhat encouragingly there, and musing, that it through the day she had been calmer, and at intervals apparently rational. Now she was sleeping, more sweetly than he had known possible. And as he leaned his head against the back in the chair, wearied by the day's work, he felt, he fell asleep. When he awoke, his wife was sitting on his knees; her arms were round his neck. She pressed her lips to his cheek, and said, 'My dear, dear husband.' It was the first recognition of him that he had since his death. He pressed her warmly, convulsively in his heart.

'Sitting to me,' she said, 'sing to me one of those evening songs.'

'I cannot sing,' he replied; 'it is enough that you are mine again, and here, here my dearest, dearest, sweetest wife.' Her head he pressed on his shoulder, and he poured into her ear the words of the hymn.

'Oh, these months of my loneliness, when you did not know that I loved you, and longed to be as you, dearest, as I will, it God will spare me, as he has restored you to my arms. Kiss me.'

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| Month.            | Description of Property, &c.   | Place.                 | Value of Property. | Year.<br>Destroyed. |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| January.          | Webb's Sugar-house             | Liverpool              | £1,000             | 1829                |
|                   | Lancelotti's Key               | "                      | 100,000            | 1823                |
|                   | Town-Hall and Exchange         | "                      | 4,000              | 1793                |
|                   | Cotton Printing office         | "                      | "                  | 1821                |
|                   | Dublin and Company Warehouse   | "                      | "                  | 1824                |
|                   | Seaford street                 | "                      | 40,000             | 1814                |
|                   | Sile End                       | London                 | 200,000            | 1811                |
| February.         | Royal Exchange                 | "                      | "                  | 1826                |
|                   | York Minster                   | York                   | "                  | 1829                |
|                   | Three West India Warehouses    | London                 | 300,000            | 1829                |
|                   | House of Commons               | Dublin                 | "                  | 1792                |
|                   | Arabic House                   | London                 | "                  | 1810                |
|                   | Overhall Church                | "                      | "                  | 1841                |
|                   | Custom House                   | "                      | "                  | 1813                |
| March.            | Hop Warehouse                  | Southwark              | "                  | 1824                |
|                   | J. F. Dawson & Co's Warehouses | St. Paul's Church Yard | 40,000             | 1824                |
|                   | Pickford's Wharf               | London                 | "                  | 1824                |
|                   | Wine Warehouses                | Liverpool              | 50,000             | 1816                |
|                   | New Orleans                    | San States             | £300,000           | 1823                |
|                   | 15,000 houses at Canton        | "                      | "                  | 1793                |
|                   | Thirteen Thousand Houses       | Pern                   | "                  | 1820                |
| March.            | Manchester                     | England                | "                  | 1792                |
|                   | Fawcett's Foundry              | Liverpool              | "                  | 1821                |
|                   | Old Street                     | "                      | £10,000            | 1821                |
| Ammunitions: 1841 |                                |                        | £2,000             | 1841                |

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| June | Billinggate                               | London        | 2,169     | 1863 |
|      | Rothschilde                               | London        | —         | 1763 |
|      | Copenhagen                                | Denmark       | —         | 1763 |
|      | Montreal                                  | Canada        | 1,000,000 | 1842 |
|      | S. John                                   | Newfoundland  | —         | 1842 |
|      | Louisville                                | United States | 100,000   | 1846 |
|      | Forty-seven Persons, "Quebec Theatre      | Canada        | —         | 1846 |
|      | One thousand three hundred houses, Quebec | "             | —         | 1846 |
|      | Antia Percha, C. S. Wharf                 | London        | 217,000   | 1843 |
|      | Humphreys' Warehouse, Southwark           | London        | 100,000   | 1841 |
|      | Hendon                                    | —             | —         | 1764 |
|      | Fifteen Thousand Houses                   | Wiltshire     | —         | 1764 |
|      | Twelve Thousand Houses                    | Cambridge     | —         | 1842 |
|      | Three Hundred Houses                      | Montreal      | 12,500    | 1846 |
|      | Three Hundred Buildings                   | Philadelphia  | —         | 1846 |
| July | Two Hundred and Two Stores                | N. W. America | \$160,000 | 1846 |
|      | Apothecaries' Hall                        | New York      | 1,200,000 | 1846 |
|      | John G's Warehouses                       | Liverpool     | —         | 1843 |
|      | Backyard                                  | —             | —         | 1843 |
|      | Wapping                                   | Pertmouth     | 217,000   | 1843 |
|      | Radcliffe Cross                           | London        | 100,000   | 1763 |

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| September | Rotheshead                            | England      | —         | 1874 |
|           | Forty Six Buildings                   | New York     | —         | 1874 |
|           | Two Hundred House, Brooklyn           |              | \$500,000 | 1879 |
|           | Scott, Russell & Co., Ship Builders,  | London       | 150,000   | 1848 |
|           | Mill Wall                             |              | \$20,000  | 1853 |
|           | St. Paul's Church, Covent Garden      | "            | —         | 1795 |
|           | Sixty House, Tottenham                | "            | —         | 1791 |
|           | Astley's Amphitheatre                 | "            | —         | 1794 |
|           | Mark Lane                             | "            | 150,000   | 1879 |
|           | Covent Garden Theatre                 | "            | —         | 1808 |
|           | Store Street and Tottenham Court Road | "            | —         | 1802 |
|           | Mace's houses                         | Liverpool    | 40,000    | 1846 |
|           | Formby Street                         | "            | 60,000    | 1852 |
|           | Whiteley House                        | "            | 350,000   | 1842 |
|           | Fifty-two Buildings                   | Saxony       | —         | 1794 |
|           | Grinnell's Builder's Yard             | Philadelphia | \$100,000 | 1841 |
|           | Widdow's Mills                        | Spain/Italy  | —         | 1852 |
|           | Robert street                         | Algeria      | 275,000   | 1852 |

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|          | London City                        | Liverpool     | 25,000   | 1854 |
|          | Mead Court Fire                    | "             | "        | 1854 |
|          | London Wall                        | "             | 81,000   | 1854 |
|          | Twenty Houses, Rotherhithe         | "             | "        | 1856 |
|          | Landed Wharf                       | Liverpool     | 30,000   | 1854 |
|          | Wapping                            | "             | 100,000  | 1854 |
|          | House of Parliament                | "             | "        | 1854 |
|          | Canal                              | "             | "        | 1854 |
| November | Royal Palace                       | Lisbon        | "        | 1850 |
|          | New York                           | United States | "        | 1854 |
|          | Twenty Houses, Shadwell            | "             | "        | 1855 |
|          | Albion Street                      | "             | "        | 1856 |
|          | Canal                              | "             | £100,000 | 1854 |
|          | Water Street                       | Liverpool     | "        | 1853 |
|          | Wright and Aspinall, Oxford Street | "             | 6,000    | 1850 |
|          | Hill's Rice Mills                  | "             | 25,000   | 1850 |
|          | "                                  | "             | "        | 1855 |
| December | Duck Yard                          | Portsmouth    | "        | 1850 |
|          | Bank Office and Post Office        | Washington    | "        | 1850 |
|          | Six Hundred Warehouses             | New York      | "        | 1850 |
|          | Canwick Street                     | "             | £400,000 | 1850 |
|          | Banker's Square house              | Liverpool     | £30,000  | 1850 |

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| <p><b>Report of the Committee on Requirements of the Fire Department.</b></p> <p>Adopted by the Board of Delegates at their Regular Meeting July 11th, 1854.</p> | <p>years of the date of such disbandment except by consent of the Board of Delegates. A registry of all disbanded or expelled members shall be kept by the Secretary of the Fire Department</p> |
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trial, which shall not be with seven days from the date the charges may be preferred, unless by consent of both parties. All witnesses shall be examined under oath, and in the following order: 1st, Prosecution; 2d, Defense; 3d, rebuttal; 4th, cross-examination on either side; and 5th, the testimony shall have been taken, and the case shall without debate proceed to find upon the guilt or innocence of the accused. If guilty the board shall then assess the punishment. In all cases the President may appoint one member of the board to conduct the prosecution, and another to conduct the defense.

Sec. 2. The foremen of the several fire engines, hook and ladder and hose companies, when called together by the vote of any one company, shall have power to impeach the Chief Engineer or any Assistant for neglect or inability to perform his duty, or for the use of any improper or unstable exercise of power, and when an impeachment is preferred, the following procedure shall be observed: The parties suspended, provided however, such suspension is not for the impeachment of the Board of Delegates. Nothing however in this Section shall be construed to deprive any suspended member of his right to vote at any Department or company election.

Sec. 3. The Chief Engineer shall, in all cases of fire, have the right to issue absolute command over all the engines, freemen and apparatus, and to direct the operations. During a conflagration, his station shall be in front of the fire, which is understood to be the side where the fire rages most, and in discharging a line, he shall transmit his orders to the engine having charge of said line. It shall also be his duty to see that the freemen and hookmen at least one in each month, the number and condition of the fire engines, and other fire apparatus, and fire-engine houses also accidents by fire that may have taken place in the city, with the cause thereof as well as they can be ascertained.

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to be held may direct the duty of the Assistant Engineer on arriving at a fire to report themselves to the Chief, for his orders, previous to entering upon their duties. No Assistant Engineer shall interfere with or attempt to give orders to any fireman, until he has been so directed. It is further ordained that neither has command of the fire engine, nor the duty to inquire of some officer in command of a company whether there is an Engineer in command of the line. In the event of discharge of his duty, it is his order, it shall be his duty to see such order fully and faithfully executed and in case of disobedience, to report the names and facts through the Chief Engineer to the Board of Police. At all fires or alarms thereof, it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to see that the engine and hose companies by their numbers, and to the satisfaction of each, before entering upon the discharge of his duties. It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to see that all well and faithfully to perform such duties. The Chief Engineer shall be absent from the City, or be prevented from attending to the duties of his office, or the senior Assistant shall possess all the rights and powers, perform all the duties and receive the compensation of the Chief during such absence or disability.

5. The Chief and Assistant Engineers shall have a white cap with their grade of office painted thereon. The Foreman and Assistant of Engine Companies shall have a white cap with their grade of office painted thereon.

Sec. 2. A Certificate of Register shall, upon the payment of two dollars to the Secretary of the Fire Department, be issued to any duly certified to the Board of Fire Commissioners, and shall be in the form of a diploma or certificate of service, and shall be given to the Secretary of the Fire Department, he giving to an registered member, who may have served the last twelve consecutive months preceding his application. An example of a certificate shall, upon application to the Board, be granted to the Secretary of the Fire Department, and a copy of the Department for the term of five years, and shall be valid, but a certificate member shall, under any circumstances, be permitted to hold office in the Department, or in an Company thereof, or to vote at any or department meeting, until he has been re-elected by the Fire Department. No member shall have a certificate member until he has been re-elected by the Fire Department. Engineers elect shall be entitled to certificates as members of the Fire Department. All certificates to expire with their terms of office. The names of the members of the Fire Department shall be kept by the Secretary of the Fire Department.

§ 8. 10. The Secretary of each Company shall report to the Board of Delegates, semi-annually, in the months of November and May, the roll of his company, stating the number of members, the names of those who are deceased, the names of persons elected, resigned, suspended or expelled from the company, and such other information as he may deem expedient, and at least ten days previous to an election for Chief and Assistant Engineers, a certified list of the names of all the members of the company, and the Secretary of the Fire Department, shall send to the Board of Delegates, the Book of Registry of the Fire Department, and extract from the Book of Registry the names of all deceased, resigned or expelled members. He shall also extract from the Book of Registry the names of all such as shall not have been members of the company during the preceding year, and shall send the same to the Board of Delegates, at such election, and after correcting such list shall present the same to the Judges of Election with a certified copy of the same, which list shall comprise the voters, and none others shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Chief Engineer, immediately on the discovery of any breach or disarrangement, whereby any of the apparatus of the Department may be disabled, who shall cause the same to be immediately repaired, or, if it is not possible to do so, to have the same replaced in working condition. In all other cases each and every company shall keep their apparatus in good order and condition, so that it shall be ready for service at any moment, and the Secretary of each Company shall report to the Chief Engineer (in the month of January and July) the condition of the company, and the number of times they have been in service with a list of numbers.

Sec. 12. No mowers shall be permitted to assume the garb of firemen, have access to any of the places of deposit of the apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, or to the engine house, for the purpose of running with any fire apparatus, and any fireman who is guilty of such conduct shall be liable to a fine of \$100.00. Any fireman who shall permit any violation of the provisions of this section shall, at the option of the Board of Delegates be disbanded.

**Amendments to the Constitution.**  
Adopted by the Board of Delegates at their Regular Meeting, July 11th, 1855:—  
Any member of the Board of Delegates who shall violate any of the rules of order, or otherwise behave himself improperly during the sessions of the Board, shall be liable to censure or expulsion: provided, however, that it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to expel, but a majority may censure a member.

Any member of the Fire Department who, while on duty, shall be guilty of a breach of the peace, or disorderly conduct, shall, upon complaint, be tried by the Board, and at their option be censured, suspended, or expelled from the Department.

The President of the Fire Department shall have the power to appoint three Standing Committees, from the members of the Board of Delegates, on "Rules," "Finance," and "Judiciary."

Imitations please, not because they are mistaken for realities; but because teey bring realities to mind.

Dave says there is no danger of hard times among the shoemakers, because every shoe is *booted* before it can be got ready for the market.

An editor who became militia captain, was about to order his men, on training, "Two paces on front-advance," cried out in mistake, "Cash, two dollars a year in advance. He was court-martialed and ignominiously ordered to read his own paper four-and-twenty hours."

LADIES should bear in mind, that of all habits, that of walking is the cheapest.

A justice of the peace, in Ohio, has adopted a novel mode of putting the test to all persons who are brought before him under charge of having taken too much stimulus. He has procured a long narrow plank, which is elevated from the ground by means of a brick at each end. This plank is made to walk—or rather to attempt to walk. If he succeeds, he is at once discharged, and the constable saddled with the costs; but if he falls off it is taken as *prima facie* evidence against him. And the sentence of the law is forthwith pronounced.



# The Fireman's Journal.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 28, 1855.

Having recently made large additions to our Job Office, we are prepared to execute every description of PLAIN AND ORNAMENTAL PRINTING with the utmost despatch, and at the most reasonable rates.

We are in receipt of a letter from one of our interior Agents, in which he states "that some persons complain about the *Fireman's Journal* being a political paper on the Know Nothing order." Our correspondent does not particularize who the complaining parties are, neither do we care. We know full well that there are persons in this world who have so little respect for their own word that they doubt that of every one else. We have stated time and again (and have lost friends by it) that this *Journal* cannot be influenced politically either one way or the other. Out of politics ourselves, our only desire is to see honest, capable, and faithful men elected to fill the various offices of the State, as long as they possess those requisites, we care not where they come from or who they may be, other than that we take no interest. We intend as far as we are able, to check any political influence from being brought to bear upon the Fire Department and whether it be Know Nothing or Anti-Know Nothing, Whig or Democrat who attempts it, he shall be exposed whether friend or foe.

A preliminary meeting of the Immigration Association was held at Musical Hall on Tuesday evening last. There was not that full attendance, which gives evidence that the interest of the masses is awakened to the enterprise. Judge Wilder presided at the meeting and George Gordon acted as Secretary. Resolutions were passed appointing a committee of twelve to draft a constitution and by-laws and receive plans and suggestions for the encouragement of immigration. The committee is to report at an adjourned meeting to be held on Wednesday evening next, at the same place.

We doubt very much the practicability of this scheme to hasten immigration to California. Like everything else we doubt believe a population can be forced within her borders, and the mere promise of work held out to those who will undertake the journey will scarcely be an inducement for that class really desired here, to immigrate. We are old fashioned enough to believe in those words which say "charity begins at home." There is in this City and State a floating population of thousands of young, industrious, active and intelligent persons, but waiting for the helping hand to be extended to them to become hard working men. Instances have come under our own observation lately, where men who were desirous of helping themselves and working for their own living, have from their inability to procure employment after constant application, been compelled to partake of the benevolence and assistance of intimate friends to sustain life.

We have been told that the plan of Mr. Gordon is the most feasible one yet presented to induce immigration. If so, it is certainly worthy of support, and it is to be hoped that Musical Hall will be filled on Wednesday evening with those who, with their voices, and that great desideratum, their MEANS, will be prominent in aiding the undertaking. What the State of California requires particularly is, a Stage-Route across the Sierra Nevada. When that is completed, immigration will not be at all backward. The idea of a Railroad across the plains, is a myth, and never will have any substance as long as men are at the head of the Federal Government whose only thoughts are centered on personal aggrandizement, or until "private enterprise," the builder up of California, comes to the rescue, and gives the Atlantic and Pacific States, with his own iron will and enterprise.

At the meeting on next Wednesday evening we should like to see working men and working men only, mount the rostrum, and give their ideas and opinions on the subject which is to be presented. We have those among us, talented, far-seeing, logical and eloquent, and on a matter where they are so greatly interested, they should have the opportunity to be heard. James George, Geo. K. Gluyas, Benj. Haywood, the Donahues, and others of the same stamp, could present forcible ideas worthy to be considered.

Brick Buildings are being erected on the entire space burnt over at the late fire in Kearny Street, adding greatly to the appearance of the street. The approach of the rainy season has given an impetus to the erection of brick buildings, which was not discernible a month or six weeks ago. Building materials have also gone up considerably beyond former prices. Six of the new engine houses are in progress of erection and in one week that number will be increased.

We have been shown the silver towel, with which the corner stone of the house for Young America Engine Co. 18 was laid. It was a present from J. W. Tucker, the well known jeweler on Montgomery street, and has the following inscription upon it: "Presented by J. W. Tucker, to Young America Engine Co., No. 18, Michael Hayes, Foreman. Corner stone laid by F. T. Ford and Thomas Hayes, July 17, 1855; Oratio & England, architects; Michael Fennel, builder."

The Chief Engineer has sent in a communication to the Common Council asking for a further supply of Hose for the Department. We are glad of it, for several of the Companies are ill supplied with this most needful requisite. Lately the Hose used by the Department has been considerably service, and been subjected to great wear and tear. If it were possible, [and could the Hose be furnished rapidly enough,] each reel should be supplied with new Hose, without imperfection; the bursting of one length during the existence of a conflagration is liable to endanger a whole block of buildings, if not more. We hope that the Fire and Water Committee will report favorably on the application of the Chief Engineer.

It is said, (with what degree of truth we know not,) that "electric wires" are to run from Telegraph Hill for the special accommodation of several "clubs" located on the way to the valley, so that in case of a fire at North Beach they may be enabled to fix its locality with more precision than that which distinguished them on a former occasion.

**Tabular Statistics.**  
On the outside is published an interesting tabular statement taken from the quarterly reviews of the great fires within the last one hundred years. Through a mistake, the fires of '30, '50 and '51, in this city, were left out, the losses attendant upon those amount to about *Twenty-five Millions of Dollars.*

**Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Bell Ringers on the City Hall Bell.**

1st. It shall be the duty of the Bell Ringers, after being duly sworn in by the President of the Fire Department, to select proper land marks and angles, whereby they may be enabled to designate the district in which a fire may occur.

The different districts and signals shall be as follows:

1st District, 1st Ward—Signal, One stroke of the bell.  
2d District, 2d Ward—Signal, Two strokes.  
3d District, 3d Ward—Signal, Three strokes.  
4th District, 4th Ward—Signal, Four strokes.  
5th District, 5th Ward—Signal, Five strokes.  
6th District, 6th Ward—Signal, Six strokes.  
7th District, 7th Ward—Signal, Seven strokes.  
8th District, 8th Ward—Signal, Eight strokes of the bell.

In striking the alarm, the bell shall be rung rapidly for the district in which the fire is located, with intervals of thirty seconds, until the fire shall be subdued.

2d. The Watches to be kept by the bell ringers shall be six hours on duty and twelve hours off, and in no case shall five watches in duty leave his post until properly relieved, and in case any bell ringer shall become unfit for service, it shall be his duty to immediately notify the Chief Engineer thereof, who shall have power to fill his place, until a meeting of the Board of Delegates, or until such bell ringer shall be fit for service.

3d. Any bell ringer who shall be found sleeping on his post, or off duty, or who shall neglect his watch, shall, upon complaint and conviction before the Board of Delegates, be punished as the Board may direct.

4th. Any bell ringer who shall fail to strike the proper stroke for a fire, shall be suspended for trial before the Board of Delegates, but if on trial it should appear that the locality of the fire was such that it was impossible for the bell ringer to determine the proper district, he shall be acquitted.

5th. The Chief Engineer shall have power at all times to suspend any bell ringer for neglect of duty, and such suspension shall be reported to the Fire Department to call a meeting of the Board of Delegates, for trial of the offender, and during such suspension, the Chief Engineer shall have power to fill the place so vacated.

6th. The bell ringers shall not strike an alarm of fire without they either see the fire, or receive positive information of its existence and locality.

**MISS LAURA KERN.**—This excellent actress will take a benefit to-night at the American, the whole company, together with other artists of merit, having volunteered for the occasion.

Miss K. has been the great star of attraction for months, and her style of acting, so natural and pleasing, has made her a decided favorite. We trust that on this occasion the house may be crowded to excess, as the lady richly deserves a flattering compliment from those she has so often delighted. An attractive bill is offered—such an one as should insure a large attendance.

The fact that Col. Turner, late City Treasurer, retains \$10,000 of the Fire Bond Fund, has as a matter of course taken our citizens by surprise. Through the whole of the difficulties which surrounded the fund, Col. T. expressed his regret that it should be attached by parties for city indebtedness, when they knew full well it was a special deposit for a specific purpose and not liable, and yet Col. Turner seizes one-ninth of the whole amount to cover his commissions, which he says are due him from the city. If Col. Turner, acting under the advice of counsel, in this matter, all we have to say is, that it is very bad advice, and if followed to the extent proposed, will be the means of placing him in a most unenviable position towards the great body of the people, and particularly to the Fire Department. We are firm in the conviction, that the expressed wish of the people at large, has never before in the history of the city, been thwarted to such an extent as in the disposition of the funds arising from the sale of the Fire Bonds. There is one engine company in the department, which has not had one dollar appropriated for the purchase of a lot, and the building of an engine house, and the members of it are just as much entitled to it as any other in the department. There is \$23,744, in the treasury to the credit of the Fire Bond Fund, and provided Col. Turner takes his \$10,000 from that amount, the "Manhattan's" may whistle for their appropriation. We are disposed to believe that Col. Turner will give up all claim on the Fire Bond Fund, and recover his commissions from the city.

The most interesting meeting held by the Board of Delegates for many months, took place on Thursday evening last, and for the first time in two years every member was present. After considerable debate and discussion, in which Messrs. Sinton, Moore, Hoesfross, Mahoney, Kent, Rand, Vreeland, Gough and Shepard took part. Engine Company No. 14 was admitted by the Board, by a vote of ayes 18—nays 14.

The necessary documents, together with the recommendation of the Board of Delegates that the Company be admitted, have been sent to the Common Council, and it remains for that body to say whether the Seventh Ward shall have a fire engine within its limits to protect the property of her citizens from fire or not. There, should also be constructed in that Ward at least six or eight cisterns, of the largest capacity and best build, otherwise much larger configurations than have yet taken place, will be chronicled in the valley.

Since writing the above, the ordinance admitting the Company, without expense to the city, was passed by the Board of Assistants last evening by a vote of six to two.

The Late Fire on Market Street.

THE FIREMAN'S JOURNAL.—Permit me, through your journal, to inquire if the late fire on Market street, the Manhattan Company did no more service than entitled it, in your paper, to a mere mention of its being present and leaving worked at such and such a place. The Chief and First Assistant I am told, speak highly of the duty performed by No. 2 on that occasion, yet in your paper of the Saturday following, you make no mention of its efficient service. Some of its members seek for any praise, save that which conscience gives to every man who does his duty. But they do seek and I believe, that in the *Fireman's Journal*, each company should be spoken of according to its merits, and not (as is often the case) particular notice taken of a few companies, which, although always very active, yet do not stand out the most efficient at a fire. By inserting the above in your paper of Saturday you will oblige a subscriber and a FRIEND.

[Manhattan No. 2 and every other fire company in the Department, have a perfect right to be spoken of in the *Fireman's Journal*, according to their merits, provided they will only think so. But, when members of a company stand aloof from an institution organized as this newspaper is, they make it sectional whether the conductors of the same are inclined that way or not. We intend at every fire of any extent to give the position of every company, as correctly as possible, and to give them credit whenever deserved. It is not to be supposed that we can run around to every pipeman, find out whose stream it is, size of the nozzle and the extent in being done. It is a well known fact throughout the Department, that we are always willing to render unto every company its just dues, but when members of a company which has taken out a license by the Chief and Assistants for its efficient service, do not take sufficient interest to make it known through the proper channel, we are not to blame. The office of the *Fireman's Journal* is over the Post Office, where we are ready and will be happy at all times to extend to every fireman those courtesies which the columns of a newspaper devoted to their interests can extend. If engines No. 60, 80 or 80 1/2, or H & L 20, become prominent in the exercise of their duties, it is no fault of ours, but those who man them. When properly brought to our notice, Manhattan 2 will receive all she is entitled to.]

**Engine Trials.**

EDITOR, FIREMAN'S JOURNAL:—As every thing relating to fire engines appears to be of great interest to your readers, I take the liberty of sending you the following, hoping it will find a place in your columns. In the State of Maine, they have some engines which are considerable on the "skewit" among them, the "Deerfoot" No. 8, of Portland, which succeeded on the 8th of July last, in filling a head of 119 cubic gallons in thirty-five seconds, using 150 feet of hose. The "Eagle" Company, No. 6, of Bangor, after hearing of the success of the "Deerfoot," concluded to test their apparatus, and having through 32 feet of hose, filled a head of 135 gallons, in 22 seconds. The "Eagle" is a Button engine, and the company say "they can let out another button." How many engines are there in New England, that can do this sort? (We don't know, as they have never tried, but presume that twelve or thirteen of them could do it.)—By the way, we have been told that the "Deerfoot" is a very fine engine, and placed in operation in the last possible time.

[We have published the whole of the above at the request of the writer, but we must say that we think he is just waking up from a Rip Van Winkle sleep, and is not aware that we have had one or two fires lately where engines have reached the scene of conflagration in three minutes from the time of the first alarm, and have had two streams on the fire. We have in this Department engines of the very best description, and those two which have beaten the favorite "Button" engine of our correspondent. At the next fire of any account, we advise "X" to be present, and time our present force in getting to work.]

The steamship "Golden Age," of the P. M. S. Co.'s line, having undergone thorough repairs, renovated throughout and painted sweet and clean, leaves with the mails, passengers and treasure for the States via Panama on Wednesday next. She is now lying at her berth at Vallejo street wharf, ready for the inspection of the homebound bound. Commodore J. T. Watkins is in command of her.

**HONOR TO A BRAVE FIREMAN.**

EDITORS CHRONICLE.—Almost a superhuman effort was made to save the child which was burned to death on last Friday night, in the building on Powell street, owned by our fireman, Mr. Bernard Denney, a member of the St. Francis Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1.

Denney twice entered and searched the room pointed out by the father as the one in which he supposed his child to be. On finding out that the father had not been there, Mr. Denney attempted to rush into the next room, from which the flames were rolling out in volumes. Finding his efforts useless, he desisted, but not till he was badly burned, and the blood was starting from his finger ends.

Common justice requires mention of this noble conduct, of which I was an eye witness, but could give no real name, my ladders not having yet arrived at the fire, and a damaged knee preventing my climbing to the first story.

Respectfully your obedient servant,

H. A. CONN.

Foreman Lafayette H. and L. Co. No. 2.

We give place to the above with unfeigned pleasure. This is the fourth or fifth time, within the last three or four weeks, that individual members of the Department have distinguished themselves in their efforts to save life.

The corner stone of the new house for the Columbia Engine Company No. 11, was laid on Thursday afternoon last, in the presence of a few friends of the company.

For the month ending July 27th, \$1,625,000 in gold and \$41,250 in silver have been coined at the Mint. Gold bullion deposited from July 1 to 27th inclusive, 126,287 21-100 ounces.

Up to the hour of going to press, neither the "Golden Gate" or "Cortes" had been telegraphed.

At the fire, corner of Powell and Filbert Streets last week, Vigilant Engine No. 4 had two streams upon the building before any other engine came upon the ground. The alarm was also given by the bell and not by the Hall Bell, as was stated in last week's paper.

The Tehama Horse Company, of Sacramento, have elected as officers for the ensuing year, W. C. Felch, Foreman; W. H. Blauvelt, Assistant Foreman; Egbert Mott, Secretary; George Pfeiffer and Egert Mott, Delegates; C. M. Folger, Trustee.

St. Francis Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1.

The new Truck House for St. Francis H & L Co. No. 1, is now being erected on the site of the old wooden house on Dupont street, (where the Company have been located for more than five years,) and will have a front area of 22 feet 11 inches, by 60 feet depth, divided into two stories and basement. The front is in the Grecian style of architecture, being a happy blending of the Ionic and Corinthian orders, and will be about 37 feet high, to top of blocking course. The first story which is the truck room, has a double door 15 feet wide, with an entablature supported by Ionic columns; a small door is on one side, and a window on the other having a rustic sash on the outer side of each. The second story has a rich entablature and arches, with double window in the centre with entablature and columns, in the composite order. The whole is surmounted with a blocking course, in the centre of which is placed a female figure standing on a globe, and holding a wreath in the right hand, and trumpet of fame in the left. On the frieze of the principal entablature of the second story is the name of the company, on that of the window their motto "we destroy to save," and on the base of same the date of organization, June 15, 1850.

The truck room 30 by 21 feet, has a stairway leading to the second story, which will be divided by handsome mahogany folding doors into a meeting room 30 by 21 feet, and a reading room 20 by 21 feet the whole so arranged, that both apartments can be thrown into one. The front and rear walls are to be 16 inches and the side 12 inches thick, strongly braced with iron. The framing and floor timbers in the first story, to be 3 x 14 inches, supported by a heavy girder and posts underneath; the floor of narrow pine boards, will have a rise of 4 inches to the rear of room; the second story timbers 3 x 12 inches and all placed 16 inches from centre to centre strongly braced throughout, and both stories will be 14 feet 6 inches in the clear. In the rear of the main building is a yard with out-houses and keepers room, oil room, &c. The entire front will be decorated with Roman cement; the caps and bases of columns of freestone, the water tables and plinths of granite. The inside will be hard finished with cornice and centre pieces, and gas and water pipes laid throughout. The building is designed by L. F. Meyer, Esq. of this city, and is admirably adapted for the purposes for which it is to be used. The builder, John Lamberton, Esq., is rapidly pushing the work ahead, and expects to have all completed in five weeks from the present time.

**Board of Delegates.**

A special meeting of the Board of Delegates was held at their chambers in this City Hall, on Thursday evening last, July 26th, at half past 7 o'clock.

President F. L. Jones in the Chair. The roll being called, but twenty-two members answered to their names.

Mr. John Hanna was admitted as a Delegate from Pennsylvania Engine Co. 12, vice H. K. Cummings, resigned.

On motion of Mr. Shepard, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

Upon re-assembling, a full Board was found to be present.

The roll of the meeting was then read.

The Secretary then presented a letter of notification from five members of the Board, relative to the presentation of other business at the meeting, which was objected to by Mr. Vreeland, of No. 5, and the question standing by the Chair.

Mr. Vreeland then moved that the petition of (Caleb Clapp, J. Sewall Reed and John H. Daley, be admitted as a company into the Seventh Ward be read.

Mr. Rand inquired if the petition was in order. The Chair decided that it was.

Mr. Hoesfross moved, as an amendment, that the petition be referred to a committee of five, to examine into and report if the petitioners be eligible to be admitted into the Department.

Mr. Gough asked if the Chair had really decided that business once disposed of indefinitely, could be again brought before the Board.

The Chair decided that the petition presented this evening was different in its character, and read authority to support him in his decision.

Mr. Moore at once moved, by the Chair, on the ground that a question once disposed of cannot be brought up again at the same session, and this question under debate being the same in substance, cannot be entertained.

Upon a vote being taken the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The petition was then read.

A motion that the Constitution be read was lost.

Mr. Rand moved that the whole matter be referred to a committee of five, to report at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. Moore moved, as an amendment, that the whole matter be postponed until Wednesday, November 14th, and be made the special order of the evening.

Mr. Shepard moved that the Company be admitted. Ruled out of order.

Mr. Hoesfross moved that the Company applying and all other companies be refused admission into the Department. Ruled out of order.

THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL.

Theatricals are at a low, very low ebb in San Francisco, not for the want of talent—for of that we have an abundance—but from some other certain cause that acts effectually. We have had, at the American, an efficient stock company as we could have desired, and but few theatres in the Union can boast of an array of names that will favorably compare with such as Miss Keene, Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Thoman, Messrs. Wheatleigh, Smith, Lehman, Chapman and others; yet even the production of Shakespeare's best plays, got up in proper style, and admirably performed, have not of late drawn sufficiently to pay expenses.

And at the Metropolitan, where the greatest vocalist in the Union is bringing forward the grand opera of the most celebrated authors—even there the performances go off to almost empty boxes. Why is this? Surely our citizens have not lost all taste and relish for music and theatricals. The cause must be "hard times" and scarcity of money. It is certain that but few of those who would be constant play-goers feel that they can now afford to pay frequently the same price for a ticket that was charged years ago, when money was in abundance. They argue that everything has fallen in value, and that prices of admission to places of public amusement should also be reduced. We incline to the same opinion, and believe that if some energetic and enterprising person could engage either of our theatres at a reasonable rent, form a good company, and reduce the price of admission to half that now charged, he would realize a larger income and more profit than has been yielded at either house for a long time. We hope this matter will be taken into consideration, and that we shall soon again have theatricals in a flourishing condition in our city.

Another benefit night will take place on Thursday, at the Metropolitan, will be produced, for the first time in California, the drama of La Morte de Portici, the most splendid of Aubert's productions. Great labor and expense has been lavished in preparing this magnificent drama for the stage, which will be brought forward with entirely new scenery, dresses and machinery. The cast is admirable—Madame Bishop as the Princess; Mlle. Thierry as the Duke; Mlle. Macanillo, Herr Mengis; the Duke, Mons. Leplat; Pietro, Mons. Ronconvieri. There should be present on such an occasion, an immense audience.

The San Francisco Minstrels continue to draw full and fashionable houses, and the Prima Donna, as a vocalist, nightly adds to her reputation. The burlesque of Norma is a rich affair, and can only be appreciated when seen. It will be repeated to-night, and then laid aside to give place to other novelties. Go early for a good seat.

Bachus and his Minstrels appear to be in their element at the Union Theatre, which was opened on Wednesday night to a crowd as large as previous nights. The company was well received, and in fact, many ladies and gentlemen were compelled to leave, there not being even standing room. This favorite band will remain but a short time, but everybody will go to see them, of course, before they leave.

**LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS DURING THE WEEK.**

July 22, 8 P. M.—"Still alarm," explosion of a candle lamp in "Pearl Saloon," California street, below Battery; Department out. No damage.

July 25, 4 P. M.—"Still alarm," several of the engines out; no foundation for the alarm.

July 26, 4 A. M.—Alarm from the Monumental bell; barber's shop in P. Hunt's new livery stable building, corner Kearny and Sacramento streets; coals from the apparatus used to heat curling tongs dropped on the floor, setting it on fire; engines 1, 3, 6 and 12 on the ground, and St. Francis H. and L. 1; Engine 1 the only apparatus in service, was at work sometime before the alarm struck.

On the first page will be found the report of the Committee on the Requirements of the Fire Department, which was adopted at the last regular meeting of the Board of Delegates and ordered published.

Jerry Sullivan whose newspaper favors are distributed with so much politeness, has again favored us with a full budget of reading matter from the States and Europe. Thanks.

The steamship "Pacific," of the Nicaragua line, under command of Aaron H. Burns, sails on Wednesday next, August 1st, with passengers and treasure for the States via San Juan.

The "Pacific" is well known as a swift and comfortable steamer, and with Capt. Burns in command and Mr. Poole as Purser, passengers may be sure of a pleasant passage. The "Pacific" is at Jackson street wharf.

A Remonstrance was presented last evening in the Board of Assistant Aldermen, against the admission of the Seventh Ward Company. It was signed by twelve members of the Board of Delegates, who voted against it in that body.

A meeting of the Board of Foremen is called on this evening, at half past seven o'clock.

**BIRTHS:**

On the 15th inst., at Mokelumne Hill, the lady of Chas. A. Luke of a Daughter.

**MARRIED:**

In Stockton, by Elder John White, July 14th, Mr. Silas Hitchcock, to Miss Anna Graham, all of Ohio township, San Joaquin county.

In Sonoma, on the 14th inst., by Father Alrie, Mons. Julien Davison to Mlle. Françoise Davison, both from Saint Michel, France.

In Greenview, July 12th, by Rev. Mr. Pennington, Mr. Wm. Friend, of Jamon Creek, to Miss Deidamia Fairchild, of Rabbit Creek.

**DIED:**

At Sacramento, on the 21st inst., at 5 1/2 o'clock, Amelia, wife of Dr. H. W. Harkness.

In Downsville, on the 17th inst., Dominic Kaufman, of Wisconsin, aged 26 years.

At Cape Bar, on the 18th inst., John Everhart, formerly of Ohio, aged 45 years.

I. B. Purdy, J. R. Mead, J. S. Dimon, Dealers in.

**FASHIONABLE CLOTHING,** 162 Clay Street, near Montgomery, SAN FRANCISCO.

The Action of the Late City Treasurer.

The following Resolution for concurrence was passed by the Board of Aldermen last evening, presented by Alderman Cooper, who supported it eloquently, passing high eulogiums on the Fire Department, and deprecating the course taken by Col. Turner in appropriating to his own use a portion of their funds.

Resolved, The Board of Assistants concurring, that the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department be, and are hereby requested, at their own expense, to ascertain the right of the late City Treasurer to take from the fund arising from the sale of the Fire Bonds the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and report their proceedings as soon as possible to the Common Council.

The Board of Delegates will probably take it under consideration at their meeting on Monday night, otherwise it will have to be postponed till the next regular meeting of the Board on August 8th.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26, 1855.

F. L. JONES, President.  
Board of Delegates S. F. F. Department.  
SIR:—Will you please call a special meeting of the Board for Monday evening, July 30th, at 7 1/2 o'clock, to take action upon the petition of "Edmundson & Co.," a company from North Beach, and a company from the 7th Ward.

R. H. SINTON, G. H. HOSSEFROSS, W. T. HOFFMAN, JOHN ENGELS, J. GAVLEY, W. T. GORRILL, FRANKLIN L. JONES, President.

In accordance with the above, a special meeting of the Board of Delegates will be held on Monday evening next, July 30th at 7 1/2 o'clock.

By order, J. H. HOSSEFROSS, President.  
J. H. HOSSEFROSS, President.  
J. H. HOSSEFROSS, President.

**THE PRESSURE OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

Is considerable.  
Now the NOTISY CARRIER BOOK AND STATIONERY COMPANY are Determined to keep up with

This pressure. Know ye, Therefore, every one of ye, That hereafter the NOTISY CARRIER BOOK AND STATIONERY COMPANY Will sell the CHAP PUBLICATIONS that come around the Horn, at the regular New York Retail Price.

Who says that is not Cheap? So come in, we like to see All the good looking people. Remember, look AT NEW YORK MARKET PRICES, at 77 Long Wharf, San Francisco. Jy 28-1f

**HENRY CHEVALLIE,** CONVEYANCER.

Office of E. P. Tracy, (161 Clay street,) over Tallant & Wade, Bankers, corner of Montgomery and Clay sts.

Deeds, Mortgages, Leases, and all legal papers, pertaining to conveyancing, executed with neatness and dispatch.

U. C. Also gives his attention to the Keeping of Houses, Office, the settling of Mortgages, and other like adjustment of Accounts and Book-keeping in all its branches. Jy 28-1f

**CHANDLER & LEWIS,** Importers and Dealers in every description of FINE WINES, LIQUORS, PORTER, Ale and Cider. Also Havana Cigars.

Corner Commercial and Montgomery Sts. Jy 28-1f  
P. F. CLEARY, Manufacturer of Gentlemen's Fine, Dress, Cork & Double-soled WATER PROOF BOOTS, 161 Kearny Street, Between Clay and Commercial Streets, (opposite Wilson's Fountain Hall, San Francisco.) Repairing neatly executed, and with dispatch. Jy 28-1f

**REMOVAL.**

**MRS. REYNOLDS'**

Millinery and Fancy Goods Store will be REMOVED from 322 Stockton street, to the Brick Store, next door to the corner of Stockton and Fourth streets, on the FIRST OF AUGUST. Jy 28

**HOLCOMBE & DOLE'S**

SHOE SONG FOR THE LADIES: To all the State we'd now make known, Our stock is all new, and none better in the trade is. For men, we've Brown, Black and Shoes As good as any man would choose. And "Shagbush" for the Ladies.

"Shagbush" dear me! the dames will say, "Why goodness gracious! what are they?" Now Ladies hear our reply, Call at our store, the "Shagbush" try. On this our invitation.

You never saw since you were born, Neat shoes and factors worn—For better can't be found; The best will look so neat and small, The best will wonder how at all, You can go looking round."

In "Under City" Miss A. S. and her friends, the proprietors of the "Shagbush" for a portion of our work. The balance Books and "Shagbush" shoes, Fame for their makers, foot-shoes, In that far famed New York.

To such as want shoes, that will last them a year, We say, without fail, let them call on us here. We'll attend to their wants for the good of their souls, So let work underlaid lines come to Holcomb & Dole. And their old stand, New York Branch corner of Clay and Kearny streets. About the Pioneer Boot and Shoe Store, 73 Long Wharf.

**BURCH'S HOTEL,** JACKSON STREET, BETWEEN MONTGOMERY AND SANBORN STS.

Wm. S. Burch, Proprietor.

This New and Elegant Establishment is now open for the reception of



# The Military.

**SAN FRANCISCO BLUES ATTENTION!**  
You are hereby ordered to assemble at the Army  
toll uniform, with knapsack, on Thursday morn-  
ing August 21, at 9 o'clock for excursion to San Jo-  
se. You are also notified to assemble for drill on every  
evening until the above date.  
By order,  
W. R. GORHAM, Capt.

Almost every State and city in the Union con-  
tributes liberally to the encouragement and sup-  
port of the Volunteer Militia—stringent laws  
are enacted, by which the people are compelled  
to assist in defraying the expenses attendant  
upon a thorough and efficient volunteer organi-  
zation. In the State of Massachusetts, where  
the volunteer system is fostered by the laws,  
they have reached almost the highest degree of  
perfection. In New York and in Louisiana also,  
the volunteers are a credit to these States, and  
speak well not only for their liberality, but for  
their patriotism. The old-fashioned "Militia  
trainings" which were indeed but a ridicule and  
burlesque upon the "military of war," are rap-  
idly being abandoned, and in their places we see  
the regular uniform companies under competent  
instructors, and in good drill and discipline.  
Instead of being a by-word and reproach they  
have become an ornament and an honor to our  
country. There are many ignorant and illiberal  
people who are disposed to ridicule the volun-  
teers, and who assert that they are entirely use-  
less; that they decorate themselves with gay  
uniforms, feathers and bees and mount prancing  
steeds, merely to see their own shadows or to  
gratify for the moment their individual vanity.  
But this is not true. Although there may be  
much in the outward appearance of a well uni-  
formed and equipped volunteer to gratify his pride  
there is something deeper-seated, beyond this mere  
personality, that induces him to a sacrifice of  
money, of time and of business, to perfect him-  
self in the knowledge, art and skill, necessary  
to qualify him to take part in the defence of his  
country or in extreme cases, to act in sustaining  
the laws of the land. It is this very spirit as  
displayed by the volunteer militia, that gives  
strength to us as a nation, in a military point of  
view. Under our national military organization  
the army is but a skeleton; and this is for the  
very reason that our citizens are depended upon  
to act as soldiers in case of war or invasion. How  
important is it that they should become familiar  
with military tactics and with the use of arms  
in time of peace; and in no way can this be ac-  
complished except by encouraging and liberally sup-  
porting the volunteer militia of our State.

The building occupied as an army by the  
volunteers of the city, was leased for two months  
by the Board of Supervisors, at \$600 per month.  
The lease expires on the first of August, (next  
Wednesday) and no provision has yet been made  
to re-lease or to provide any accommodation for  
the military. On Wednesday next they will be  
turned out bag and baggage, and be with-  
out a place in which to drill, or even to store their  
arms and equipments. During the last year they  
have been without an armory, and each company  
was obliged to hire on its own account.  
The Blues are now paying a high rent for a separate  
armory; the City Guards and Rifles had to hire  
a room for their arms, and the California Guards  
themselves had to pay for a building in which to  
place their battery. If we may believe the uni-  
versal expression of our citizens, the volunteers are  
more credit to San Francisco, and the city should  
give them an armory, at least. The expenses of the  
different companies are now more than they can  
well bear. The Volunteers have now become  
strong in numbers, and in their ranks are re-  
presented every class in the community, and they  
do ask a trifling consideration at the hands of the  
city authorities. Will not some patriotic Alder-  
man, indeed all of the Aldermen, take some  
action to secure an armory immediately?

The First California Guard, Light Battery, un-  
der the command of Capt. T. D. Johns, will leave  
the city this morning for the Ocean House, for  
the purpose of celebrating their Sixth Anniver-  
sary, by a target firing with their brass six  
pounder field pieces. The target will be placed  
at a distance of one thousand yards from the  
shot; the distance for grape and canister shot  
will be somewhat less. Those of our citizens who  
witnessed the splendid firing made by this corps  
last year, were long in their praise of the skill  
and efficiency acquired in this kind of service, by  
the pioneer military company of the Pacific.  
The firing will commence at eleven o'clock. Each  
member of the corps will have three shots; to  
the best three shots will be awarded a magnifi-  
cent gold medal; to the second a gold medal; to  
the third, a silver medal. All of the medals  
were manufactured by Tucker. After the firing,  
the company will be drilled on the grounds ad-  
jacent to the Ocean House, and then return to the  
city to complete the ceremonies of the day. A  
general invitation is extended to all citizens to be  
present.

The funeral obsequies of the late Capt. Folsom,  
U. S. A., were attended by a vast concourse of  
citizens on Sunday last; but the most prominent  
feature was the magnificent display made by the  
citizen soldiery. Capt. Folsom having been an  
officer of the army, the Volunteers desired to pay  
a tribute of respect to his remains. The 1st Cali-  
fornia Guards sent a detachment of ten men to  
Oakland to receive and guard the corpse. On  
Saturday morning it was brought to his late  
residence on Second street in this city, where it  
was watched over by guards of honor, selected  
from the 1st California Guard, Lancers, Dragoons,  
S. F. Blues, City Guard and Marine Rifles,  
until the hour of the funeral. At 12 o'clock the  
different companies assembled at the army, and  
at one, took up the line of march through the  
principal streets for the late residence of the de-  
ceased. Here the body was received and escorted  
to Trinity Church, by Company "M," 3d Artillery  
acting as infantry, the volunteers and army  
officers forming in rear of the hearse in inverse  
order. After church services the cortege pro-  
ceeded through Montgomery, Washington, Stock-  
ton and Pacific streets to Lone Mountain Cem-  
etery, where funeral services were performed  
and three volleys of musketry announced the last  
sad ceremonies over a soldier's grave.

The report that Major West, Captain Johns and  
Captain Rowell, of this city, intended to join  
Alvarez's army at Acapulco, is without the  
slightest foundation, and like everything else of  
that kind, originated in the fertile imagination  
of the authors. For the present, at any rate,  
those gentlemen are of the opinion that San  
Francisco presents charms sufficient for them.

**LOH & VAN ORDEN,  
MASON BUILDERS,  
ROOM—South East corner of Sacramento and Kearny  
streets—up stairs. j22-3m**

The race yesterday on the Pioneer Course be-  
tween "New York" and "Lady Vernon," for  
\$1000, was won by the former. Time—2:36,  
2:39, 2:37.

Captain Card was found guilty yesterday in  
the Court of Sessions, for an assault committed  
on Captain Vandewater. He appealed.

The Mutual Hook and Ladder Company No. 1,  
of Sacramento, nominated on Saturday evening  
last, Henry Polly as Chief Engineer, and W. C.  
Felch and L. E. Burkman as Assistants.

## BUSINESS NOTICES.

The well known confectioner, G. Mitchell, at  
his old stand, 251 Washington street, continues to  
furnish to order, pyramids, ornaments, wedding cakes,  
creams, and delicious jellies of almost every description.  
As a purveyor of delicacies, Mitchell stands the  
nonpareil.

The well known Agricultural Warehouse of S.  
L. Palmer & Co., at the corner of Davis and Wash-  
ington streets, is fully supplied with all the latest  
patterns of Agricultural implements, mill machinery,  
garden seeds, &c. Farmers and others would do well  
to examine the assortment.

The billiard rooms of Geo. N. Ferguson in Pat.  
Hunt's new building, corner of Kearny & Sacramento  
streets, are fitted up in beautiful style. Tables  
which delight in this species of amusement, can here  
stay an hour or two greatly to their satisfaction.

Attention is called to Holcomb & Doyle's  
pool table. We are satisfied that this firm fur-  
nishes the "understanding" with as choice an article  
as can be obtained anywhere. The Pioneer Boat and  
Shoe Store, at the corner of Clay and Kearny streets,  
also, at 74 Long Wharf, are well known by our  
fashionables.

"Burch's Hotel" is the name of the new and  
elegant establishment just erected on the corner  
between Montgomery and Sansome streets, by W. S.  
Burch, a popular and experienced gentleman. The  
personal attention of the proprietor to the business  
will command success.

We noticed at the store of J. R. Patton some  
of the finest flavored cigars we have yet seen. His  
favorite brands are certainly very superior. Call at  
160 Washington street for the genuine article.

The Noley Carrier is as noisy as ever, and continues  
"owing to the pressure of circumstances," all many  
of the new publications at Eastern prices. No. 77  
Long Wharf is a place famous for the sale of cheap  
literature.

James' Hotel, formerly the Crescent City, is  
now under the superintendence of David Jones, re-  
cently proprietor of the original Jones' Hotel. The  
house has been thoroughly overhauled and refitted,  
and can accommodate patrons at least equal to any  
other in the city.

The advertisement of Henry Chevalier, Con-  
veyancer, will be found in another column. His faith-  
ful attention to business has gained Mr. C. an envia-  
ble reputation.

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals will be received for the  
erection of a new building for the U. S. ARMY  
ENGINE COMPANY, No. 10, according to the plans and  
specifications adopted by the company which may be  
seen at the office of the undersigned. All proposals  
must be in within ten days from date, accompanied by  
two securities for the faithful performance of the same.  
Address to James P. Casey, No. 11, City Hall.

J. P. CASEY, Chairman,  
N.B.—The Committee reserves the right to reject any or  
all bids for the aforesaid work.  
San Francisco, July 20, 1855. j28

**S. L. PALMER & CO.,  
AGRICULTURAL WARE HOUSE,  
Cor. Davis and Washington Streets,  
SAN FRANCISCO.**

Constantly on hand a select assortment of Agricultural  
implements and hand tools, scales, etc., a full and complete  
stock of Mill Machinery of all kinds. j25

**J. E. SMITH,  
COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
And Dealer in  
PRODUCE & GENERAL MERCHANDISE,  
No. 100 DAVIS STREET,  
A few doors from Jackson St. j25**

**G. MITCHLER,  
CONFECTIONER AND TEA CAKE BAKERY,  
No. 47 Washington Street,  
3 doors below Stockton.**

**WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.**  
A great assortment of fresh cakes and candies constantly  
on hand, manufactured daily, and from the  
best materials.  
Particular attention, also, to the furnishing of wed-  
ding cakes, Ice Cream, Cold Fruit Jellies,  
Blanc Manger, Charlotte Russe,  
etc., etc., in the finest style, and at a fair price.  
j28

**J. R. PATTON,  
CIGAR AND TOBACCO STORE,  
100 Washington St., above Montgomery,  
SAN FRANCISCO.**

Constantly on hand the most select brands of Genuine  
Havana Regalia, Maria Regalia, Lancers and Marine  
cigars, and the most favorite brands of Chewing Tobacco. Also,  
cigars to Metropolitan Exchange. j28

**JONES' HOTEL,  
(LATE CRESCENT CITY),  
Proprietor,  
251 Sansome Street,  
EXTENDING FROM CLAY TO COMMERCIAL,  
Main Entrance on Sansome Street,  
SAN FRANCISCO.**

The above Hotel having been thoroughly  
overhauled, refitted and repaired, is now  
open for the accommodation of the public. In point of  
location it is the most central. The hotel is  
in this city, while its location is the most central.  
The hotel is happy to be able to announce to his  
friends throughout the State, that he has just  
opened a house large enough to accommodate them, and they need  
not fear of being turned away for want of accommo-  
dation for all, at the least, in the case of the guests, in some  
former house.

Gentlemen with families wishing to board, will find this  
house airy and pleasant. Prompt attention paid to the  
rooms and charges moderate.  
Transient custom, per day, .....\$2 00  
Board, per week, according to room, .....\$7 00  
Board and Lodging, according to room, .....\$10 00  
Dinner, .....\$1 00  
Breakfast and Supper, .....\$1 00  
This Hotel is under the management of DAVID JONES,  
the well known proprietor of the original Jones' Hotel.  
j28

**Removal of the French Clothing Store, the  
TRI-COLOR!!**

**Bigarel,  
GENTLEMEN'S TAILOR.**

Do you want to be dressed like a gentleman, at a  
low price? Go to  
No. 172 Washington Street,  
Between Kearny and Montgomery streets, where you will  
find a complete assortment of CLOTHING for gentlemen  
and children, at wholesale and retail.  
GREAT ASSORTMENT OF CLOTH, SHIRTS, &c.  
All clothing bought at this establishment will be REPAIR-  
ED FREE OF CHARGE, according to the taste of the  
customer, either in Europe or America.  
Call in gentlemen and judge for yourselves. j22-3m

**TO BUILDERS.**  
California Engine Company, No. 4.—The  
engineers of the above company will receive proposals  
for building an Engine House, according to plans and spe-  
cifications to be seen at the office of Mr. Forster, Architect,  
corner of Pine and Kearny streets, until Saturday,  
28th instant. The Trustees reserve the privilege of reject-  
ing any or all bids. Proposals to be sealed and left with  
J. W. LEE, Chairman.  
City Marshal's Office, City Hall.  
j22

**Herbs and Spices.—500 Cases Sage, Sweet  
Marjoram, Thyme Summer Savory, in 1 and 1-pound  
tins and glass.**  
100 cases Spices, assorted: Ground Cloves, Nutmeg,  
Ground Cloves, Pepper in 1 and 1 lb. tins and glass,  
also, in bulk, and cases, in bulk, for Grocers, Hotel keepers  
and others. Grinding our own Spices, persons can depend  
on a pure article and fresh ground.  
j25

**BRADSHAW & CO.**

## Pacific Mail Steamship Co's Line

FOR NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS  
VIA PANAMA.  
By Steamship and Railroad!

The new and elegant Steamship  
**Golden Age,**  
2500 Tons,.....J. T. Watkins, Commander.  
Will leave Valdez Street Wharf for PANAMA with the  
U. S. Mail, Passengers, and Treasure.  
ON WEDNESDAY,.....AUGUST 1st,  
at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Entire Isthmus Transit by Railroad

This magnificent steamship has been recently placed  
under the U. S. Section Hook at Mare Island, and through-  
ly overhauled, repaired and newly equipped.  
Her large and airy accommodations are unequalled,  
and offer great inducements to travelers homeward bound, de-  
siring of making a comfortable trip.  
The GOLDEN AGE will connect on the Atlantic with the  
through steamship (George Law, for New York, and EL  
DORADO, for New Orleans) and it is anticipated that the  
entire transit will be accomplished in the shortest time yet  
made.

Passengers by the P. M. S. Co's Line will make  
the Isthmus Transit BY CAR, over the Panama Rail-  
road, which is now finished from Ocean to Ocean.  
The completion of the Railroad facilitates the crossing  
of the Isthmus and makes the transit for families most in-  
convenient, safe and speedy.  
The Panama Route offers facilities to passengers, not  
available by other routes. The baggage FREE. Steerage  
passengers, 20 cents per day. The rate of freight is  
12 1/2 cents per cubic foot, and is charged at the rate of ten  
cents per pound.  
Treasure for shipment will be received on board the  
Steamer until 10 o'clock P. M. on Wednesday, August 1st  
until 12 o'clock M.  
For freight and passage, apply to  
FORBES & BARBOUR, Agents,  
j22

**NICARAGUA STEAMSHIP  
CO'S LINE!**  
FOR NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS,  
VIA SAN JUAN.

SHORTEST, QUICKEST AND HEALTHIEST ROUTE.  
THROUGH AHEAD OF THE MAILS.  
Only 12 Miles Land Carriage! Macadamized Roads,  
ONLY DIRECT LINE FOR NEW ORLEANS.

The favorite steamship  
**Pacific,**  
Will sail from Jackson Street Wharf for SAN JUAN  
DELCR.  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Connecting on the Atlantic side with steamship  
Principles.  
The passengers by the Pacific San and Northern  
Light, on the trip, were landed in New York in 30  
days from San Francisco.  
The water in the San Juan river is now very high,  
and passengers by the Pacific on this voyage may con-  
fidently anticipate a quick trip to New York.

For further particulars apply to  
GARRISON, AUSTIN,  
Corner of Sacramento and Lombard streets,  
San Francisco.  
j22

**FREEMAN & CO.,  
SUCCESSORS TO ADAMS & CO.,  
FREIGHT, PACKAGE, PARCEL,  
AND LETTER  
EXPRESS.**

The undersigned having purchased  
of the entire interest of Adams & Co. in the  
Adams & Co. in the New York and California Ex-  
press, will continue the business under the name and  
style of  
**Freeman & Co's  
NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA  
EXPRESS.**

And are now prepared to transport Freight, Baggage,  
Packages, Parcels, Gold Dust, Specie, etc., by  
every steamer via Panama and Nicaragua routes to des-  
tination.  
We shall also make up an Express Letter Bag, and  
forward regularly by every steamer, in charge of a special  
Messenger.  
Having been engaged in the Express business for the  
past ten years, and being well connected with the prin-  
cipal Expresses in the Atlantic States, we are enabled to  
transmit all kinds of Express matter without delay to  
any part of the Union, direct to Cuba, New York, &c.  
We likewise connect with San Francisco & Co's Euro-  
pean Express  
FROM NEW YORK TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON,  
PARIS, HAVRE, ETC.,  
Who forward through with great dispatch.

Our Next Express, hence, will leave San Francisco on  
MONDAY AUGUST 1st, at 9 o'clock A. M.,  
by the U. S. Mail Steamer Golden Age via Panama, and  
steamship Pacific, some day and hour, via Nicaragua.  
Express Letter Bags close at Fifteen Minutes be-  
fore the sailing of the steamers.  
All Letters must be placed in Government Envelopes  
or they will not be received.  
Rates for Express Letters, 12 cents.

**JAMES M. FREEMAN,  
JOHN K. STIMSON,  
JOHN HEDDEN, } Proprietors.  
JOHN M. FREEMAN, Manager,  
No. 144 Montgomery Street,  
San Francisco.  
j22**

**WELLS, FARGO & CO'S  
EXPRESS NOTICE.**

FOR THE STEAMER OF AUGUST 1st  
Via Nicaragua.

Our next Express for the Atlantic States and Eu-  
rope, will be dispatched by the Nicaragua Steamship  
Co's steamer  
**Pacific,**  
A. H. Burns, Commander,  
Wednesday,.....August 1st, 1855.  
In charge of a special messenger.

Treasure received for shipment (and insured) until  
12 o'clock on Tuesday night, July 31st, and small  
packages and parcels received until within one hour  
of the time of sailing.  
j22

**MRS. CASSIN,  
No. 164, MONTGOMERY BLOCK,  
SAN FRANCISCO.**

A choice selection of  
**GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS,  
TOILET ARTICLES, PERFUMERY, &c.,  
Constantly on Hand.**

**ALTA FEMALE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE**  
No. 200 Washington Street.  
MRS. S. BUTLER, respectfully informs  
all the public that she has taken the Alta Female Em-  
ployment Office, No. 200 Washington Street, opposite the Plaza  
where Ladies and Gentlemen wishing help will be supplied  
at the shortest notice. Orders from the country will receive  
immediate attention. Those wishing situations can be  
supplied by calling at this office. By adhering to the Golden  
Rule, those to merit a share of public patronage. j22

**JOHN SHIRLEY,  
Importer of  
CROCKERY AND GLASS WARE,  
Britannia Ware, Cutlery, Lamps, &c., &c.,  
143 Washington St., adjoining Monty's Block.**

Good Goods placed to go to any part of the Country  
Packed Store, sign of the Old Ocean Pitcher.  
j22

**DUNNE & CO.,  
Have removed their office to the PACIFIC  
WAREHOUSE, corner of Battery street and  
Broadway.**

The undersigned are prepared to make cash advances on  
the security of real estate, at the Pacific Ware-  
house, corner Battery street and Broadway.  
DUNNE & CO.  
Corner Battery street and Broadway.  
j22

## WELLS, FARGO & CO'S EXPRESS NOTICE.

FOR THE STEAMER OF AUGUST 1st, 1855,  
Via Panama.

Our next Regular Express for the Atlantic States  
and Europe will be dispatched by the Pacific Mail  
Steamship Co's steamer  
**Golden Age,**  
J. T. Watkins, Commander,  
Wednesday,.....August 1st, 1855.  
IN CHARGE OF A SPECIAL MESSENGER.

Treasure received for shipment (and insured) until  
12 o'clock on Tuesday evening, July 31st, and small  
packages and parcels received until one hour of time  
of sailing.

EXCHANGE drawn on most of the principal  
cities and towns in the Atlantic States.  
WELLS, FARGO & CO.  
Corner Montgomery and California sts.  
j22

**THE OCEAN HOUSE.**

This fine public office is situated on the  
margin of a beautiful bay looking out on the Pacific  
Ocean from the foot of the city. The view is un-  
derstood, and from nine miles from San Francisco, an  
excellent view of the city and harbor is visible.  
The Ocean House has become the fashionable resort for place  
to place to the very best entertainment of ladies and gen-  
tlemen for that purpose. It is a place where the public  
can enjoy a view of the city and harbor from the  
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Conducted with the establishment is a BAR stocked  
with the finest quality of Wines, Spirits, and other liquors.  
Ten Pin Tables, Billiard Tables, and other amusements  
are provided, and the establishment is open to the public  
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